Our Town

Matt Paletz (left) takes the role of George Gibbs, Jim Cannon plays the stage manager and Jennifer Seiler is Emily Webb in Harrison High Schoel's production of "Our Town." Show time for the drama is 7:30 p.m. tenight and Friday in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$4 at the door. are \$4 at the door.



Downtown Farmington decorated for contest

Tis the season for Downtown Farmington businesses to hoad out the holly and spruce up their shops to compete in the Third Annual "Decorate Downtown for the Holidays" contest. Co-sponsored by the Farmington Downtown Development Authority and the Farmington Observer, the contest offers a total of \$1.750 free advertising in the Observer to contest winners.

The decorating contest is set to coincide with the Downtown Farmington Christmas Walk and Open House, scheduled 4.30-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. At the activity-filled holiday event, the top three winners will be announced and be awarded, respectively, \$1,000, \$500, \$250 worth of advertising space in the Observer.

The contest is open to the more than 150 businesses in the Downtown Farmington area. Businesses can decreate their windows, doors or buildings. There are no rules — just that decorating be finished by 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30 for judging.

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Evaluation will be based on originality, creativity and overall appearance. Judges will be Harvey Goldstein, art department chairman for Farmington Public Schools, Gerald Hopp, Visual merchandising regional manager for Crowley's, and Rhonda Rosser, advertising representative for the Farmington Observer.

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Hope Church announces pre-Christmas events

Hope Lutheran Church will present its annual pre-Christmas Musical during the 10:45 worship Sunday, Dec. 3. Both the Senior Choir and the Children's Choir, as well as several instrumentalists, all under the direction of Sharon Davis, will be participating.

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The musical, "Joyful and Triumphant" was created and arranged by Bill and Robin Wolsver. It divides into five separate parts, the message beginning with the Oild Testament prophecies of the coming Messiah, and ending with the birth and incarnation of the Christ.

Hope Lutheran Church is on 12 Mile Road, Just east of Haggerty, and its pastors are Victor Mesenbring and Tim McDermott. They ex-

tend a welcome to the community and invite the public to share this pre-Christmas event.

Beginning Wednesday, Dec. 6, the congregation will assemble at 7:30 p.m. on three consecutive Wednesday evenings for its Advent Vespers.

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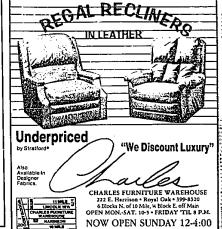
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